

TOURIST DEPARTMENT.

Napier.—At Lake House, Waikaremoana, the hot-water and electrical services have been enlarged, reconstructed, and brought up to date.

Taumarunui.—New staff quarters were erected at the Chateau Tongariro and extensive renovations undertaken to the main building. At the Waitomo Caves Hostel alterations were made to the lounge, four new bathrooms were built, and a cottage for the chief guide is in course of erection.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Whangarei.—Six cottages were erected for the Native Department and a new store building erected for the Public Works Department.

Auckland.—Additions, alterations, and other works were attended to in connection with the fitting-up of new office accommodation. Renovations and repairs generally were carried out.

Taumarunui.—Five cottages, four cowsheds, and nine implement-sheds were built for the Waimiha Native Development Scheme. General repairs and renovations were attended to.

Tauranga.—Two cottages, one at Mamaku and one at Ngongotaha, were built for the Internal Affairs Department. Social halls, married quarters, and four cottages were erected on State highways construction. Sixty-three cottages, fifty-two cowsheds, and two store-sheds were erected, and repairs made to forty other buildings for the Native Land Department.

Stratford.—A new house was built to replace an old house on the site of approaches to Midhurst Overbridge. Repairs and renovations, and alterations and additions were carried out at ten buildings.

Wellington.—The steel frame of the new Government Life Insurance Building was completed, the concrete and stone-work erected up to the fourth floor and the steel windows and rendering up to the second floor; plumbing and electrical services were installed parallel with concrete work, &c. The foundations of the new departmental building in Stout Street are about half completed.

Additions were made to the Meteorological Office. The old Ministerial residence in Tinakori Road was fitted up temporarily as a dental clinic; the old coach-house and stables were demolished and a new Ministerial residence erected. A start was made to convert the Ministerial residence in Molesworth Street into two flats.

Studios were fitted up in Hope Gibbons Building for the National Commercial Broadcasting Service, Station 2ZB, and additions were made to the old 2YA building on Mount Victoria.

Extensive additions were made to the Public Works Office at Palmerston North. Repairs and renovations generally were attended to, new accommodation was fitted up for various departments and furniture supplied.

Dunedin.—A commencement was made with a new building for the State Fire Office at Invercargill. A new explosives magazine was built.

Greymouth.—A house was built for the District Engineer at Greymouth; an explosives magazine was built at Greymouth; additions to the School of Mines at Reefton and Westport are in hand, and repairs and renovations were made to the School of Mines at Granity. Repairs were made to the residence of the Collector of Customs at Greymouth.

Generally.—In addition to the customary maintenance, repairs, and renovations, a large amount of work has been involved in the procuring and fitting-up of office accommodation and provision of the necessary furniture and fittings to satisfy the growing needs of expanding Departments.

Schemes of decorations were designed and erected to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty the King.

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